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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 12 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2009, Arizona had 330,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 44,000 head from a year ago and down 12,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 24,000 head during March, 6,000 head less than a year ago. During March, 35,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2009, California had 445,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 85,000 head from last year and down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 48,000 head during March, 7,000 head less than last year. During March, 60,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 5,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on April 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.98 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, down 4 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.75 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 300,000, 600-699 pounds were 340,000, 700-799 pounds were 592,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 570,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 1 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 50,000 during March, 21 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

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